(e) why excise duty is levied on red PFY yarn when it was abolished in 1984; and

(f) whether specific duty converted into ad-valorem on PFY, NFY and VFY would reduce or increase the excise collection per KG, and if so, to that extent, giving the figures in quantum and percentagewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The rate of excise duty on a particular commodity depends on a number of factors including the nature and the usage of the commodity, the revenue considerations, consumption pattern, etc. Taking into account of all the relevant considerations it has not been found possible to fix a uniform rate of duty on PFY, NFY and VFY as has been done in the case of fibres;

(b) In case of VSF, only one company, namely, M/s. Grasim Industries Limited (Aditya Birla Group) is producing more than 80 per cent of the total VFY production;

(c) No, Sir. The import duty on VSF has also been reduced from 40 per cent to 25 per cent in the Budget for 1994-95;

(d) The estimated excise revenue from PFY (both textured and non-textured), NFY and VFY is likely of the order of Rs. 1945 crores, Rs. 261 crores and Rs. 139 crores respectively in the year 1994-95;

(e) Excise duty has been imposed on textured PFY as part of the policy to widen the tax base and also to collect duty on value addition;

(f) In the case of PFY (non-textured) a tariff value of Rs. 90 per kg has been fixed. On this basis, the post budget duty on PFY is less by rupees 6.90 per kilogram than the pre-budget duty. This amounts to reduction by 10 per cent. In the case of NFY and VFY, the incidence of excise duty will vary depending on the denierage and type of yarn produced.

Smuggling of Narcotics from Delhi

*236. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in Hindustan Times of 24th January, 1994 under the caption 'Behind Delhi's Narcotics Boom' and if so, what are the details in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that Delhi has become a centre of distribution of narcotics abroad and drugs from Pakistan are smuggled through Delhi, if so, what are the details; and

(c) what effective steps Government have taken to check the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Since the production and trafficking of narcotic drugs is a clandestine activity, it cannot be said definitely whether it is increasing in Delhi or otherwise.

As per intelligence reports received and seizures made by various enforcement agencies in Delhi, it is indicated that Delhi is used as a transit point by drug traffickers for smuggling of heroin of Pak origin. The seizures

of here in made in Delhi during 1991. 1992 and 1993 is as under:—

1991	1992	1993
	(Quantity in Kgs)	
67	27	139

Instructions have been issued to all enforcement agencies to maintain the utmost vigil and step up enforcement efforts under the stringent provisions contained in various Acts. Training is being imparted to officers to improve their effectiveness. A part of Indo-Pakistan border has been fenced. Vehicles and communication equipments have been provided to enforcement agencies. A special narcotics cell has been created in Delhi Police. DG, NCB has been asked to coordinate periodically with all intelligence agencies and the DG's Police, particularly of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Manipur. An all out drive has been launched aganst narcotics smugglers including draconion measures to control leakage of opium produced illicitly in the licensed growing areas

Fraud in Excise Duty

*237. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a defrauding of excise duty to the extent of Rs. 19 lakhs by local businessmen in the brass scrap disposal; and

(b) if so, the action taken against them to recover the excise dues from them by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) No case of defrauding of excise duty to the extent of Rs. 19 lakhs by local businessmen in the brass scrap disposal has come to the notice of the Government. It may be mentioned that duty of excise is levied on manufacture and not trading.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Doordarshan covtrage in Rajasthan

238. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Doordarshan Kendras and relay centres in Rajasthan at present;

(b) which are the areas not covered by Doordarshan Kendras in Rajasthan; and

(c) whether any new Doordarshan Kendras and relay centres have been sanctioned to cover more rural areas in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Besides the Doordarshan Kendra at Jaipur 41 TV transmitters of varying power are functioning in Rajasthan.

(b) All the districts in the State are, wholly or partially, covered by Doordarshan terrestrially.

(c) Yes, Sir, 38 new TV transmitters of varying power and a Programme Production Centre are under implementation/envisaged to be set up in the State subject to availability of resources for the purpose.

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*239. **श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान आयकर विभाग द्वारा अग्रिम कर के रूप